

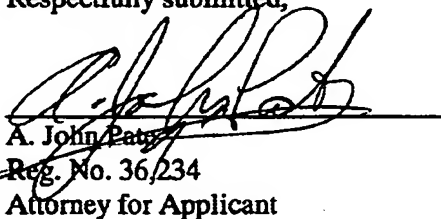
### REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled and claims 21-38 have been added. For the reasons set forth below, claims 1-13, 16-38 are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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